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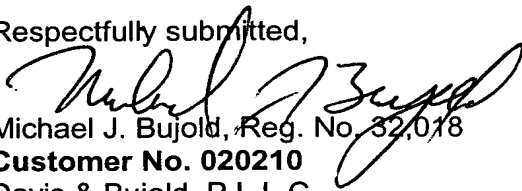
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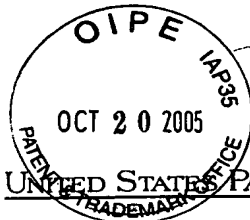
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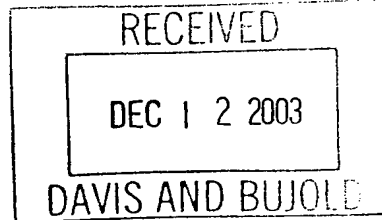


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Title

Method and apparatus for reading firearm microstamping

[001]

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING FIREARM MICROSTAMPING

[002]

This application is a continuation in part of and claims benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/427,513 filed May 1, 2003, which in turn claims benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/372,459 FILED February 21, 2003, which in turn claims benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,766 filed August 29, 2002, which in turn claims benefit of provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/315,851 filed August 29, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims benefit of Patent Application Serial No. 10/183,806 filed June 26, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of and claimed benefit of Patent Application Serial No. 09/540,366 filed March 31, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,420,675 B1, which is a continuation-in-part of and claimed benefit of Patent Application Serial No. 09/514,084 filed February 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,310,701 B1, which claimed benefit of provisional Serial No. 60/158,478 filed October 8, 1999.

[003]

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[004]

The present invention relates to the identification of expended firearms cartridges and, in particular, to improved indicia for identifying a firearm that is the source of an expended cartridge and an improved apparatus for reading identifying indicia marked on a fired cartridge.

[005]

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[006]

Mechanical forensics and ballistics investigations are undertaken in crime investigations, accident reconstructions or other situations in which one or more weapons have been discharged and it is frequently essential to reliably establish an identification of a firearm that fired a given cartridge.

[007]

It is well known that bullets and cartridge cases that have been fired from a firearm will bear markings from contact between the bullets or cartridge cases and the surfaces of the firearm with which the bullets and cartridges come into contact. For example, the rifling of the barrel will emboss rifling and other marks on a bullet, and the firing pin, extractor, interior of the breach and face of the bolt will leave markings on the cartridge case. Certain such markings are general to